

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title	: Surface-Enhanced Membrane and Process and Apparatus for Producing Same		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 30, 2007. The response due date, extended two months, is October 30, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.